

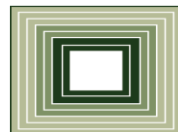
NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement

Agency and Budget Overview

**Joint Meetings of House and Senate Appropriations
Committees on General Government**

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- Impact of COVID:
 - On agency operations
 - On domestic violence centers and sexual assault programs

Statutory Laws and Responsibilities



Statutory Laws and Responsibilities

- G.S. 143B-393
 - Created the NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement under the Department of Administration
- G.S. 143B-394
 - Established the Council For Women Advisory Board
- G.S. 143B-394.15
 - Established the Domestic Violence Commission
- G.S. 143B-394.25
 - Established the State Youth Advisory Council
- G.S. 143B-394.31
 - Established the North Carolina Internship Council

Statutory Laws and Responsibilities

- The Council for Women administers the following funds:
 - G.S. 50B-9 – Domestic Violence Center Fund
 - G.S. 143B-394.21 – Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Center Fund

Budget Overview



General Fund Budget Overview

	FY 2020-21 Authorized Requirements	FY 2020-21 Authorized Receipts	Net General Fund Appropriation	% of DOA Requirements	FTE	% of DOA FTE
Department of Administration	75,717,082	10,331,223	65,385,859	-	420	-
Council for Women	13,247,599	3,913,212	9,334,387	17%	17.2	4%

Source of Receipts:

- Marriage license fees
- Divorce filing fees

Budget Summary Council for Women (14100)				
	FY 2019-20 Actual	FY 2020-21 Certified	FY 2020-21 Authorized	FY 2021-22 Base
Requirements	13,230,940	13,222,226	13,247,599	13,270,182
Receipts	4,106,325	3,913,212	3,913,212	3,913,212
Net Appropriation	9,124,615	9,309,014	9,334,387	9,356,970
FTE	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2

General Fund Budget History

Budget History Council for Women (14100)

	FY 2010-11 ACTUAL ¹	FY 2011-12 ACTUAL ¹	FY 2012-13 ACTUAL ¹	FY 2013-14 ACTUAL ²	FY 2014-15 ACTUAL ²	FY 2015-16 ACTUAL	FY 2016-17 ACTUAL ³	FY 2017-18 ACTUAL	FY 2018-19 ACTUAL	FY 2019-20 ACTUAL	FY 2020-21 Certified	FY 2020-21 Authorized
Requirements	13,350,632	13,585,437	13,429,662	13,013,861	13,204,851	13,659,817	13,721,046	14,118,846	13,781,460	13,230,940	13,222,226	13,247,599
Receipts	4,969,053	4,737,848	4,535,710	4,553,379	4,637,700	5,012,660	4,620,146	4,532,770	4,511,404	4,106,325	3,913,212	3,913,212
Net Appropriation	8,381,579	8,847,589	8,893,952	8,460,482	8,567,151	8,647,157	9,100,900	9,586,076	9,270,056	9,124,615	9,309,014	9,334,387
FTE	18.5	15.5	15.5	14	14	14	16	16	16	17.2	17.2	17.2

¹One FTE for the Displaced Homemakers Program, which was eliminated in S.L. 2013-360.

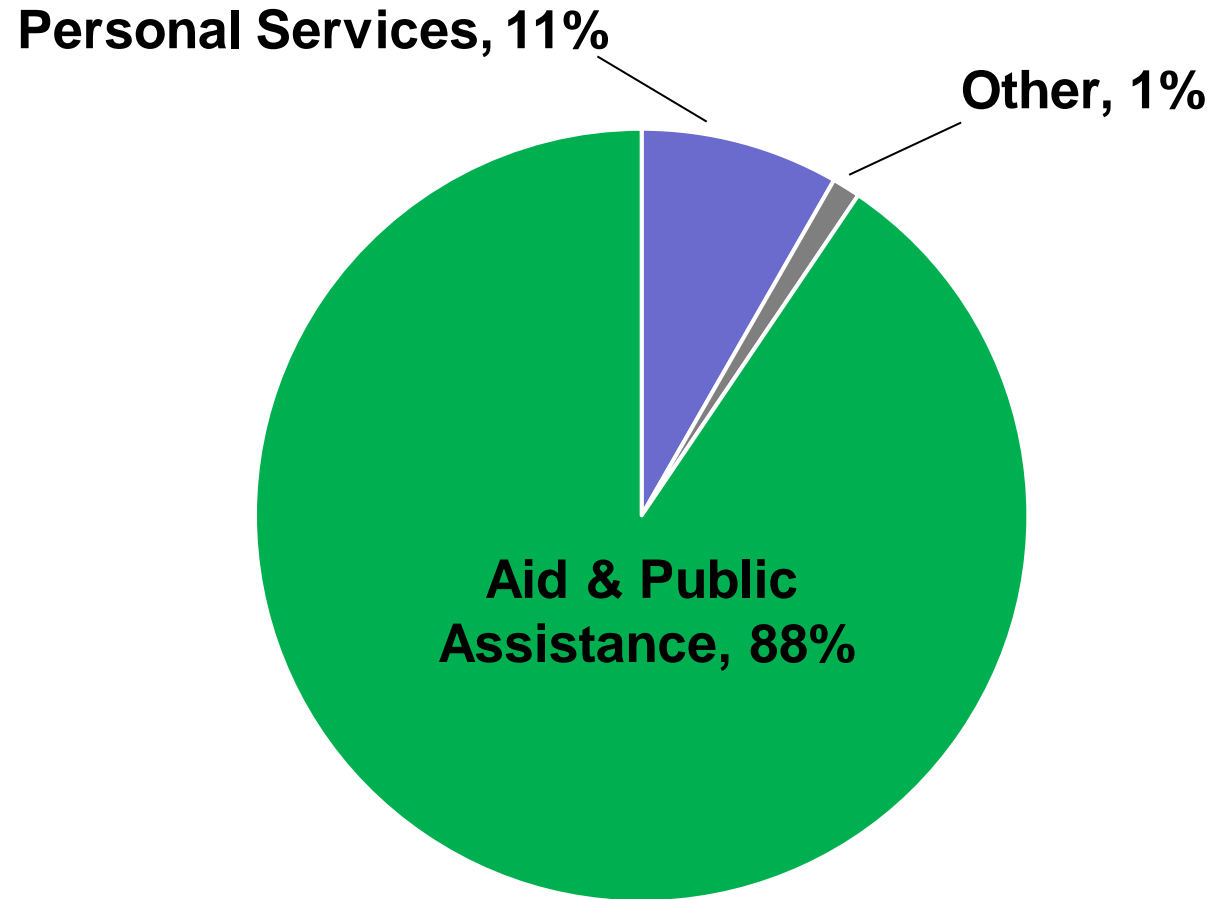
²Funding for the Displaced Homemakers Program phased out and receipts transferred to the Domestic Violence Center Fund.

³Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office merged with the Council for Women.

Key Takeaway: funding levels have not varied significantly over the last ten years.

General Fund Requirements

Base Budget FY 2021-22



Boards and Commissions



Boards and Commissions

- Council for Women Advisory Board (G.S. 143B-394)
 - Meets quarterly
 - 20 members appointed by the governor
 - Advises the Governor, the principal State departments, and the NC General Assembly concerning the education and employment of women in NC
 - Advises the Secretary of Administration upon any matter the Secretary may refer to the Council

Boards and Commissions

- NC Domestic Violence Commission (G.S. 143B-394.15)
 - Meets quarterly
 - 36 members: 9 appointed by the Governor, 18 appointed by the NCGA, 11 ex officio
 - Adopts rules for the approval of domestic violence intervention programs (DVIP)
 - Makes recommendations regarding the provision of services to victims of domestic violence and the prevention of domestic violence in the State
 - Works with the NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence to integrate recommendations into a legislative agenda
 - Disseminates recommendations among domestic violence centers

Boards and Commissions

- State Youth Advisory Council (G.S. 143B-394.25)
 - Meets twice a year
 - 20 members: 10 elected youths, 10 adults appointed by the Governor
 - Advises and encourages local youth councils to be active in civic affairs, leadership programs, and with other youth groups
 - Receives and recommends expenditure of donations, which primarily support youth leadership conferences
 - Establishes procedures for the election of the youth members

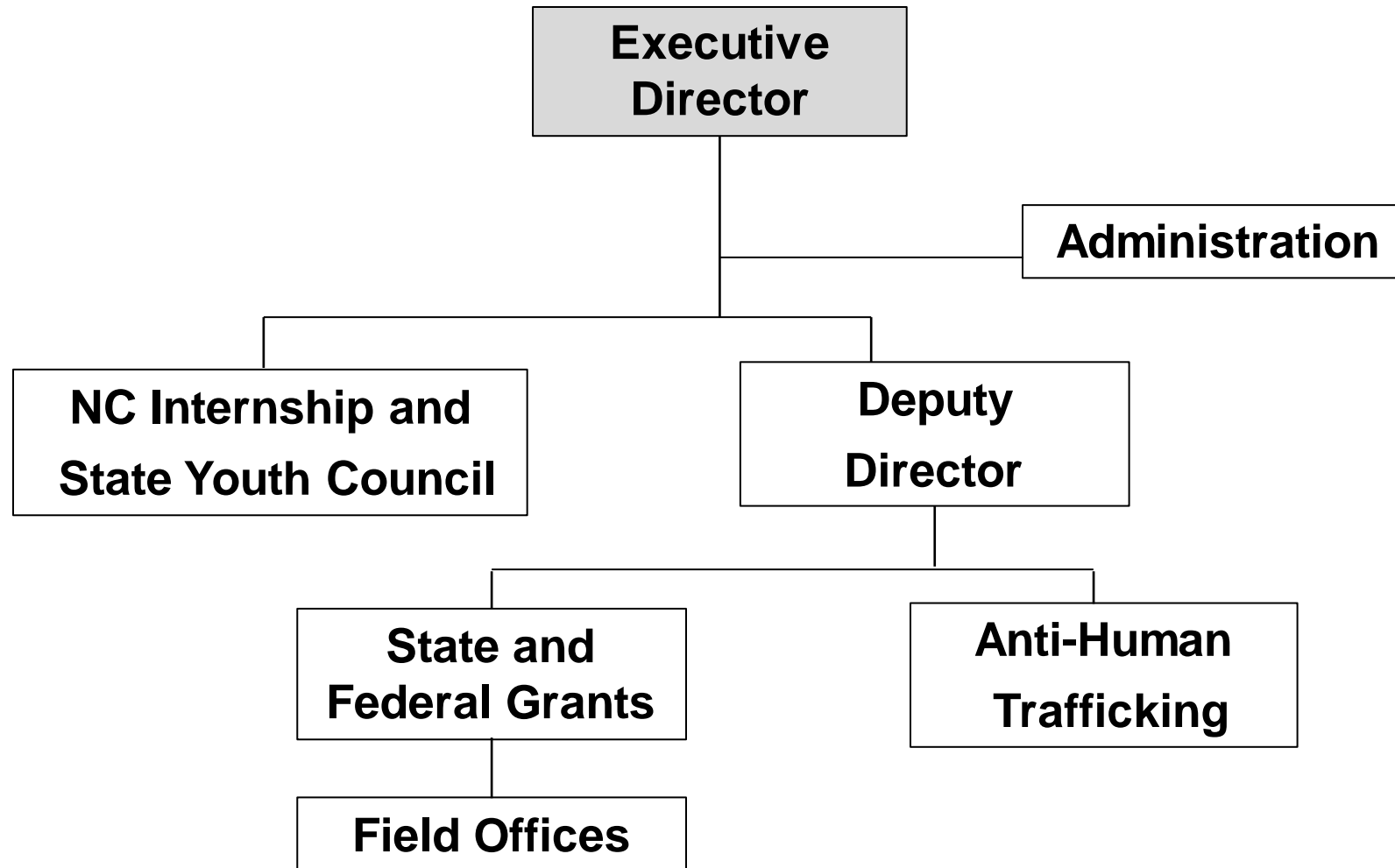
Boards and Commissions

- NC Internship Council (G.S. 143B-394.31)
 - Meets twice a year
 - 17 members: Secretary of Administration, 1 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, 1 appointed by the Speaker of the House, 14 appointed by the Governor
 - Determines number of student interns for the State Government Internship Program
 - Screens internship applications
 - Determines appropriateness of internship projects proposed by participating State agencies

Select Agency Programs



Organizational Chart



State Government Internship Program

- Interns are screened and selected by the NC Internship Council
- A competitive, paid internship program
 - \$12/hour starting Summer 2021
- A variety of internship positions available across State agencies throughout the State
- Interns work 40 hours/week for a 10-week period over the summer
- Students may receive academic credit for the experience

State Government Internship Program

- Eligibility requirements:
 - Permanent NC resident attending a college, university, law school, community college or technical institute in NC or a NC resident attending an equivalent institution out of state.
 - Must carry a 2.5 or greater overall grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
 - Must be at least 18 years old.
 - Community college students must have completed their first year before beginning the internship.
 - Must be continuing their education in the fall following their participation in the program.
 - For a law internship, must have completed at least one year of law school before the beginning of the internship, unless other majors are listed.
 - Students having previously held paid internships with this program are not eligible to apply.
 - Must be willing and able to work full-time for the entire 10-week internship.
 - Must be able to provide legal proof of identity and work authorization.

State Government Internship Program

NC State Government Internship Program Statistics			
Year (Summer)	Number of Internships	Number of Applicants	Number of Interns Hired
2021	87	3255	n/a
2020 ¹	120	2742	44
2019	111	432	104
2018	115	1051	107
2017	82	~2000	80
2016	104	478	94
2015	98	506	89

Source: NC Council for Women, State Government Internship Fact Sheet.

¹All internships were 100% virtual due to the pandemic.

Anti-Human Trafficking Projects

- Project LEAD (Leading, Empowering, Advising, and Developing)
 - Funded through a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission
 - Youth-focused program that provides training, technical assistance, and resources to increase awareness about human trafficking
- SEE (Seek, Engage, and Empower) NC
 - Funded through a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission
 - Focuses on improving identification and response to human trafficking in marginalized communities

Domestic Violence Intervention Programs

- The Domestic Violence Commission adopts rules for the approval of domestic violence intervention programs (DVIP) (G.S. 143B-394.16)
 - Programs must establish and comply with policies and procedures regarding:
 - Abuser intake and assessment
 - Victim safety
 - Program structure and curriculum
 - Participant termination
 - Program assessment
 - Staff training
 - Participant and victim confidentiality
 - Programs are reviewed and renewed annually by the DV Commission
 - CFW staff assist the DV Commission in monitoring compliance with program rules
 - Programs that are out of compliance may have their certification rescinded by the DV Commission

Domestic Violence Intervention Programs

- A 26-week program that re-educates offenders on their behavior and helps offenders develop new methods of interacting with intimate partners and family members
- May be administered by a private for-profit, private not-for-profit, government agency, or a domestic violence agency (separate from victim services)
- Programs fund operations by setting and charging fees
- In FY 2019-20 there were 42 approved programs serving 71 counties

Domestic Violence Intervention Program

NC Council for Women: Domestic Violence Intervention Program Statistics				
Year ¹	Total Enrolled	Total Completed	Males Completed	Females Completed
2019-20 ²	1656	946	844	102
2018-19	2889	1598	1450	148
2017-18	3326	1547	1399	148
2016-17	3163	1395	1313	82

Source: NC Council for Women Statistics Webpage

¹A year runs from April through March.

²Court and program closures due to COVID may have impacted referrals and participation for this fiscal year.

- Orders and referrals for an offender to attend DVIP may come from:
 - Civil and criminal courts; probation and parole; Department of Social Services; mental health or substance abuse programs; self-referral or voluntary

Domestic Violence Center and Sexual Assault Program Grants: Statutory Requirements

- G.S. 50B-9 – Domestic Violence Center Fund
 - Funds used to provide grants to centers for victims of domestic violence
 - Grant recipient must be a nonprofit or local government entity
 - Each grant recipient must offer:
 - A hotline
 - Transportation services
 - Community education programs
 - Daytime services
 - Call forwarding during the night

Domestic Violence Center and Sexual Assault Program Grants: Statutory Requirements

- G.S. 143B-394.21 – Sexual Assault and Rape Crisis Center Fund
 - Funds used to provide grants to centers for victims of sexual assault or rape crisis
 - Grant recipient must be a nonprofit or local government entity
 - In addition to offering the same services as domestic violence grant recipients, statute requires they:
 - Must have a mission statement that specifies rape crisis services are provided
 - Must provide assistance to victims in law enforcement and legal proceedings

Domestic Violence Center and Sexual Assault Program Grants: Additional Requirements

- The CFW requires additional eligibility criteria, including:
 - An office location and a board of directors
 - Crisis intervention, referral services, and shelter services
 - Advocacy and support services
 - Compliance with audit requirements, grant monitoring, and contract provisions
 - 20% match in cash or in-kind
 - Match cannot come from other State or federal grants

Domestic Violence Center Grants

- Provided funding to 105 domestic violence centers in FY 2019-20
 - Per G.S. 50B-9, each grant recipient receives the same amount of funds
 - Total award for each grantee for FY 2019-20 was \$46,292 distributed quarterly
- Grantees that receive domestic violence funds automatically qualify to receive an equal share of receipts from marriage license fees and divorce filing fees
 - Fees are collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts
 - Total award for each grant recipient for FY 2019-20 was \$37,141:
 - \$17,639 – marriage license fees
 - \$19,502 – divorce filing fees

Domestic Violence Center Grants

Budget Summary Council for Women – Domestic Violence Grants (14100-1781 & 1782)				
	FY 2019-20 Actual	FY 2020-21 Certified	FY 2020-21 Authorized	FY 2021-22 Base
Requirements	9,060,458	9,036,665	9,037,601	9,037,601
Receipts	3,969,415	3,913,212	3,913,212	3,913,212
Net Appropriation	5,091,043	5,123,453	5,124,389	5,124,389
FTE	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64

- Receipts
 - Marriage License Fees: \$60
 - Divorce Filing Fees: \$75

Domestic Violence Center Grants

NC Council for Women: Domestic Violence Grant Program Statistics

Fiscal Year	# of Reporting Agencies	# of Calls	# of Clients Served	Race					Sex			Shelter Services
				White	Black/African American	American Indian/Alaska	Asian	Other/Unknown	Male	Female	Other/Unknown	
2019-20	103	104,299	59,239	31,449	18,032	884	517	8,357	11,618	46,476	1,145	9,341
2018-19	106	112,686	60,214	29,834	17,866	906	506	11,102	10,119	49,907	188	11,138
2017-18	105	112,311	52,316	26,800	15,242	612	386	9,926	8,239	43,974	147	9,891
2016-17	104	99,164	51,074	26,380	14,332	710	369	9,283	7,663	43,411	-	10,440
2015-16	105	101,940	48,601	25,789	13,320	677	354	8,461	8,323	40,278	-	12,780

Source: NC Council for Women Statistics Webpage

Sexual Assault Program Grants

- Grants provided funding to 100 programs in FY 2019-20
- Grant amount depends on whether the program provides only sexual assault services (standalone) or sexual assault and domestic violence services (dual)
 - Per G.S. 143B-394.21, 35% of appropriated funds are divided equally among standalone programs and 65% of funds are divided equally among dual programs
 - 77 of the 100 grant recipients in FY 2019-20 provided dual services:
 - Total award for standalone programs was \$43,579
 - Total award for dual programs was \$24,174

Sexual Assault Program Grants

Budget Summary Council for Women – Sexual Assault Program Grants (14100-1734)				
	FY 2019-20 Actual	FY 2020-21 Certified	FY 2020-21 Authorized	FY 2021-22 Base
Requirements	2,894,072	2,898,088	2,898,088	2,898,088
Receipts	3,841	-	-	-
Net Appropriation	2,890,231	2,898,088	2,898,088	2,898,088
FTE	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36

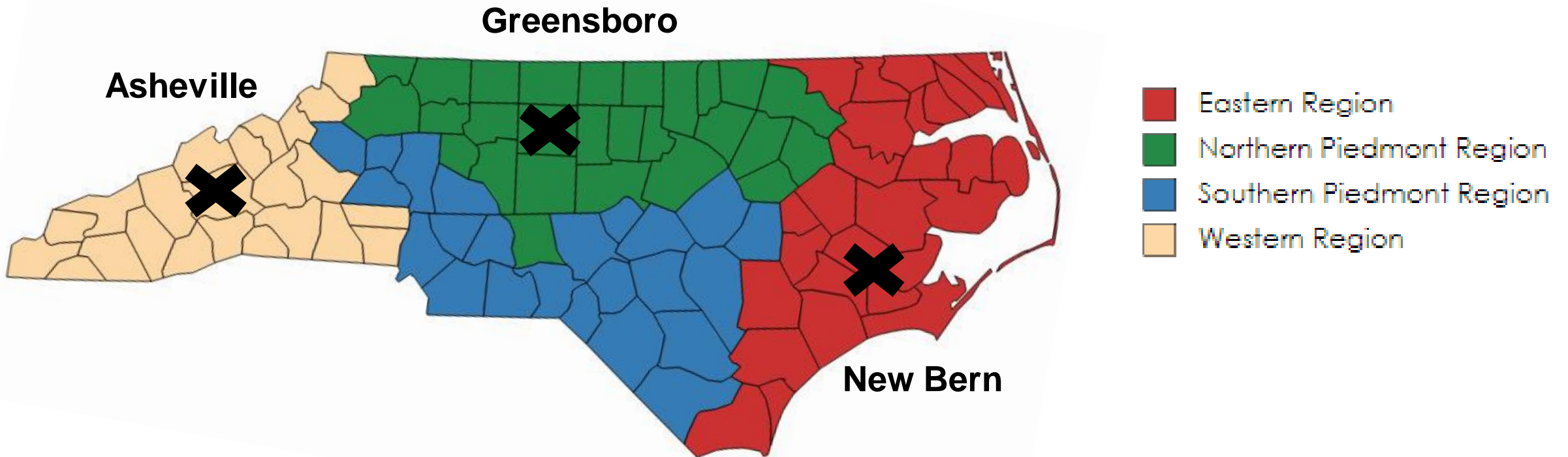
- Receipts
 - Refunds from prior year expenditures

Sexual Assault Program Grants

NC Council for Women: Sexual Assault Grant Program Statistics											
Fiscal Year	# of Reporting Agencies	# of Calls	# of Clients Served	Race					Sex		
				White	Black/African American	American Indian/Alaska	Asian	Other/Unknown	Male	Female	Other/Unknown
2019-20	101	22,516	10,713	6,253	2,014	102	89	2,255	1,780	8,591	342
2018-19	102	24,789	10,036	5,649	2,063	65	75	2,184	1,506	8,471	59
2017-18	103	25,707	10,780	5,822	2,271	133	90	2,474	1,505	9,176	99
2016-17	101	24,062	9,453	5,206	2,070	91	57	2,029	1,432	8,009	12
2015-16	102	20,681	10,981	6,006	2,650	76	159	2,090	1,637	9,325	19

Source: NC Council for Women Statistics Webpage

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program Regions



8 FTE – 2 in each region

3 field offices

Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Grant

- Federal grant to states and territories based on population
- Federal FY 2019-20:
 - \$3.2 million distributed to 88 grant recipients
- 70% of funds support domestic violence programs that assist victims
- 25% of funds support violence prevention programs
- 5% for administrative costs
- Requires a 20% match in cash or in-kind

Recent Legislative Actions



Recent Legislative Actions

- 2016 Session (S.L. 2016-94)
 - Consolidated the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office with the Council for Women; transferred 2 FTE to the Council for Women
 - Directed the Council for Women to develop grant formula options for awarding grants to eligible domestic violence centers and to report recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government
- 2018 Session (S.L. 2018-5)
 - \$22,000 R for a new grants management system

Recent Legislative Actions

- 2020 Session
 - \$12 million from the State Coronavirus Relief Fund – split evenly between the DV and SA grant programs (S.L. 2020-97)
 - Domestic violence centers received \$56,603
 - Sexual assault programs received \$50,649 for dual programs or \$95,454 for standalone programs
 - All but \$21,000 of the \$12 million has been disbursed
 - \$1.2 million in additional federal FVPSA funding in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (S.L. 2020-4)

Impact of COVID-19



Impact of COVID-19 on Council for Women Staff

- Transitioned to remote work status
- Transitioned to a paperless grant application process
- Increased staff workload related to managing additional FVPSA funds and the CRF funding allocation for domestic violence and sexual assault centers across the State
 - Grant management requires staff to promote, communicate, report, and assist grantees with accessing the additional funds

Impact of COVID-19 on Grant Recipients

- Staffing challenges related to turnover and increased incidents of absences
- Reduced funding opportunities related to cancelling fundraising events and reducing operations in revenue-generating thrift stores
- Increased operating costs related to new technology to promote social distancing and distance education for children, enhanced cleaning protocols, increased utilization of hotels to provide emergency shelter due to occupancy limits in shelters, and restructuring outreach efforts to reach isolated survivors
- Centers are reporting an increase in demand for services in the first six months of FY 2020-21

Questions?

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